



DIGGLE STARS

Esme Irwin - for fantastic effort in writing and working independently.

Elizabeth Bardsley - for a hardworking and focussed week - particularly in science.

Emilia Heap - consistently following the class rules and trying her best in everything she does.

Emily Walsh - for being kind, caring and helpful to others.

Eve Topham - for increased concentration and confidence in class.

Ellis Gill - for being a great friend to others and some thoughtful contributions to class discussions

Annie Marland - for being resilient all week.

Scarlett Jones - for a fantastic effort with her spellings.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



We have made it to December and the Elves have once more landed in the classrooms. Be sure to keep an eye out on Facebook to see what they get upto over the next few weeks. Let's hope they don't get into *too* much mischief!

I sent out a letter with Christmas updates outlining how we are still planning to be able to hold performances. If you have not yet read this email please be sure to check it out.

Our new kitchen team have been busy creating the Christmas dinner menu. It has been clear over the years that a full roast dinner does not go down well with the vast majority of children, therefore the staff have devised a menu which contains some of the children's favourite elements of Christmas Dinner but hopefully in a way that ensures we have lots of clean plates. If your child usually has a school dinner, you do not need to do anything, but if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like Christmas dinner, they just need to order a dinner on the day with their classteacher. For Key Stage 1 children there is no cost and if your child is in KS2 you will need to put £2.40 on your child's Parent Pay account.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 13 Dec - Panto day

Tues 14 Dec - Effort Grades sent home

Wed 15 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2.15-3.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 9.15-10.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

Fri 17 Dec - Class R Nativity am and pm performance times TBC

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y5&6 Christmas Party pm

Tues 21 Dec - Christmassy Non-Uniform and Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 21 Dec - Finish for Christmas.



Thurs 6 Jan 2022 - New Term

Class R

In Class R this week we have been focusing on our blending skills. We have been doing carousel activities which focused on identifying sounds and blending them together, allowing us to become confident with our reading. In Maths, we have been focusing on making 5. We have been doing random quick fingers and used cubes and numicon to make 5 in different ways. In RE, we have learnt about The Christmas Story, making our own christmas party hats to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This week we have spent a lot of time practicing our nativity and celebrating the start of December, making christmas decorations. Thank You to Annie Marland's family for donating toys to Reception, we have had lots of fun! Finally, today we hung a bauble on the christmas tree and switched on the lights!

Class 1

This week in English we have started to retell the story of Lost and Found. We have used picture prompts to help us order the events and have tried hard to write in full sentences and include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as time adverbials. In Maths we have been learning about capacity. We used tubs of water and different containers to explore the vocabulary around capacity such as full, quarter full, half full, and empty. We have also compared the capacity of different containers using the terms more than and less than. We solved some tricky problems about capacity including ordering containers according to their capacity. In Theme this week we learnt about the physical features of the Arctic. We found out about glaciers, sea ice, icebergs and coast lines. We completed a picture matching activity to help us learn the names of each feature.

We were very surprised on Wednesday when Ernie the class 1 elf arrived in our classroom. He's already been up to a few tricks!

Class 2

We have had a busy week in class two. In writing we have been writing a winter setting for our class book, making sure that we include lots of noun phrases, questions, exclamations and of course not forgetting to use capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been learning about number bonds with our new rekenreks.

Class Two have made some wonderful Christmas trees to make a winter forest on our Christmas display board.

The best part of the week was finding Pablo the Class Two elf swinging on our Christmas mobile! We know that we are going to have lots of fun with him!



This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.



See the article later in the newsletter about the tree decorating and switch-on.



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Class 3

This week Class 3 have been busy making decorations for our winter board based on the book 'Little Robin Red Vest' which is all about caring and sharing. We all wrote a poem about a robin using some of the features we have learnt this term and enjoyed designing our own vest for the robin as well as practising our scissor skills when cutting out snowflakes for glittering ready for our snowy scene. The other characters look like they're having lots of fun in the snow! In maths, we assessed some past learning and enjoyed recapping about our 'Famille' in french.

Class 4

Class 4 nearly finished *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* this week. We have thought about characters' thoughts and feelings and consolidated our speech mark practice. In maths we have focussed on bar graphs - we had great fun creating our own sample question and asking our classmates for their answers which we tallied up. We then put our data into our very own graph. In SMSC we discussed how to express our thoughts and feelings and in PE we used our map skills, communication and teamwork to complete some orienteering activities.

Class 5

This week we have continued reading our class text of Holes, we followed Katherine Barlow's recipe and made our own spiced peaches. We then wrote up a set of instructions so that other could follow our recipes to make their own. We then kept these refrigerated and tasted them on Thursday! It is safe to say some of us weren't so keen and won't be rushing to make the recipe again! In Maths we have been using the long multiplication method and also carried out some carousel activities to help improve our mental times tables knowledge. In Theme we have looked at the layers of a rainforest and the different types of animals which live within the different layers and discussed why this might be. We have also learnt about Deforestation and the effects it has on our planet and we have also thought about what we could do to help.

Class 6

This week in maths, we have been calculating percentages of amounts. In science, we have been looked at how water and nutrients are transported around the body. In theme, we have researched African animals that are endangered. We spent time drawing them as well as finding out about their habitats, and also if anything is being done to save the particular species. In English, we have continued to read our class novel, Holes. We have thought about how and why characters have acted in the way that they have. We have also spent a lot of time this week discussing what it means to be respectful and how we can be respectful to others.

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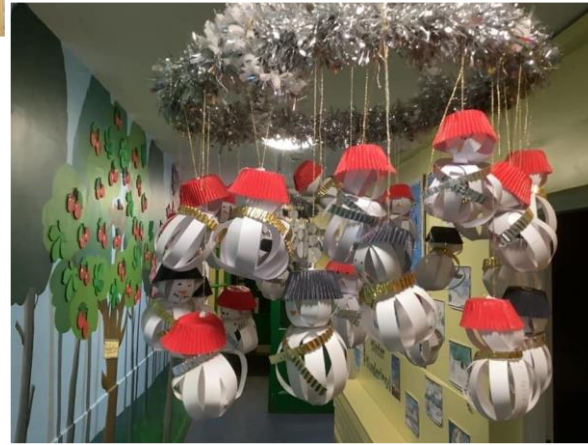
DLP- Archery Competition

On Thursday 2nd December, four children from years 3 and 4 got the opportunity to take part in a mini archery competition with other school within the Dovestone Learning Partnership. The children were given time to practise before the competition began, but this was a new sport for our children and they all showed great resilience in learning the new skill and by the end most had got the hang of the technique and they were able to hit the target.

Thank you to all the parents for the support in taking children and throughout the event.



It's all gone very festive in school this week!!



A HUGE FESTIVE THANKYOU

to Mr Dickinson and Bents Garden Centre for the donation of this year's fantastic Christmas Tree.

We are extremely grateful for their generosity ... we missed having a tree in the hall that everyone decorated last year, and it was really lovely to get all the children involved again this year, albeit a class at a time and without the massed singing!!

In true Diggle tradition, the eldest and youngest pupils in school turned the lights on



The Christmas Tree is up and decorated!!



Reverse Advent Calendar

Oldham Foodbank is working in partnership with Action Together to provide support for families in crisis. This reverse advent calendar highlights some of the essential items we need.

Please share this calendar and tag #OldhamReverseCalendar on Facebook and Twitter.

All donations can be dropped off at: Unit J, Prince of Wales, Vulcan Street, OL1 4ER. Monday - Friday, between 9am and 4.30pm.

If you need any donations picking up, our volunteer drivers are out and about Monday -Friday, between 10am and 3pm.

For more information contact: Becky Kershaw-T: 07595 180880 or email Rebecca.Kershaw@actiontogether.org.uk.

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by P.C.C. St Margaret, Hollinwood & St Chad, Limeside.

Registered charity number 1134150.

DECEMBER 2021 

1  TINNED FRUIT	2  UHT MILK	3  TINNED POTATOES	4  JAR OF JAM	5  BAG OF SUGAR
6  BABY MILK 3 & 4	7  NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	8  TINNED FISH	9  TINNED TOMATOES	10  TINNED MEATS
11  TINNED HOTDOGS	12  PASTA SAUCE	13  TINNED BEANS	14  RICE PUDDING	15  TOILETRIES
16  TINNED FRUIT	17  UHT MILK	18  TINNED POTATOES	19  JAR OF JAM	20  BAG OF SUGAR
21  BABY MILK 3 & 4	22  NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	23  TINNED FISH	24  CORDIAL	

*Please help
if you can.*

Notices

Parent Pay

As per Mrs Newton's letter, the pantomime will go on Parent Pay on Monday; Class R nativity tickets will go on sale on Thursday 9th December, Classes 1 & 2's carol concert is now outside, with 2 performances not 3 but with 2 tickets per child and tickets will also go on sale on Thursday 9th December. There are enough tickets for every family to purchase the 2 allocated tickets, however there are limits to each performance. The 2 tickets do not need to be purchased for the same performance. Additional tickets will not be made available.

Please see the letter sent earlier this week for full details.

Road closed in Diggle next week

Signs have gone up and letters issued to some Diggle residents today to say that weather permitting, Huddersfield Road will be CLOSED completely from Spurn Lane to Standedge, with no exit toward Uppermill on Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th December. This is for road resurfacing. Following completion, the traffic lights will be installed and with everything crossed, the hope is that the one-way diversion will be lifted before Christmas.

While the road is closed, please follow the diversion, back up Huddersfield Road towards Marsden and back down the A62 towards Delph/Uppermill. The small back roads are very narrow and if people are trying to use these to go both ways, they are very quickly going to get blocked.

CITC Christmas Campaign - selection boxes donation for children living in poverty in Greater Manchester

A huge thanks to everyone who kindly donated selection boxes for CITC's christmas campaign so far. **The selection boxes will be collected next Tuesday** and will be given to children living in poverty within the Greater Manchester area. If you are able to contribute to support this campaign please make sure you bring the selection boxes at the latest Tuesday morning (7th December).



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Thank you.



Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.

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